

## Proclamation Presented

## In Recognition of the Grand Opening of Safeway in Hilo

Whereas Safeway has nineteen stores in the State of Hawai'i, which provide good jobs for some 200 employees; and

Whereas Safeway and its employees are well known for their friendliness and helpfulness to customers; and

Whereas Safeway is one of the industry's pioneers in creating value for customers and maximizing their savings with the development of the "Just for U" program; and

**Whereas** Safeway has earned a reputation for high quality and wide selection in the thousands of products it offers in its new "lifestyle" formatted stores; and

Whereas Safeway's active involvement in the communities it serves in Hawai'i makes it a model corporate citizen;

Whereas among its numerous efforts on behalf of the community, Safeway has always played a significant philanthropic role; and

Whereas this new Safeway store, is expected to provide approximately 200 jobs and a great deal of convenience and new merchandise to local residents; and

Whereas this new Safeway store, as a co-anchor of the new Maka'ala Center, will, over the years, generate millions of dollars in new revenue for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, whose land Safeway is leasing, revenue which will be used to further the Department's vital mission of providing homes for native Hawaiians;

Therefore I, Neil Abercrombie, Governor, and I, Brian Schatz, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby proclaim March 24, 2011 as

## "SAFEWAY DAY IN HILO"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and extending congratulations to the Safeway team and all its partners, including the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, who helped bring this project to fruition.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of March, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i